

REMARKS

Claims 30-41 are active in the present application.

Claims 1-29 have been canceled. New Claims 30-41 are supported by original Claims 1-6 and the specification as originally filed at page 6, line 27 to page 19, line 7. No new matter is believed to have been entered by the present amendment.

Applicants submit that the present application is now in condition for examination on the merits. Early notification to this effect is earnestly solicited.

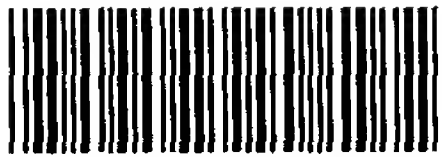
Respectfully submitted,

OBLON, SPIVAK, McCLELLAND,  
MAIER & NEUSTADT, P.C.



Norman F. Oblon  
Attorney of Record  
Registration No. 24,618

Vincent K. Shier, Ph.D.  
Registration No. 50,552



22850

(703) 413-3000  
Fax #: (703) 413-2220  
NFO:VKS